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SUMMARY. WHEN AMBASSADOR AGGREY MET RECENTLY WITH FONMIN CABINET DIRECTOR YOUSSEPH SYLLA, LATTER INDICATED PRESIDENT SENGHOR WAS LEANING TOWARDS NORTH KOREAN POSITON ON KOREAN ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. SYLLA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT NORTH KOREAN DEL HAD RECENTLY VISITED SENEGAL AND REQUESTED GOS TO CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION BEING PUT FORWARD BY FRIENDS OF NORTH KOREA AT UN. WE UNDERSTAND RESOLUTION WOULD ABOLISH UN COMMAND AND CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA. IN ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR WHO WAS AWAY IN FRANCE, GOS FOREIGN MINISTRY REPLIED THAT THEY DID NOT WISH CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, SYLLA BELIEVES SENGHOR MAY FEEL OBLIGED TO REVERSE THIS DECISION.

2. SYLLA BELIEVES, AND FORMER SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE IN DAKAR TOLD US BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE LAST WEEK, THAT SENGHOR PROBABLY GAVE COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT IN UN PRIMIER KIM IL
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SUNG'S FIVE POINTS, INCLUDING ABOLITION OF UN COMMAND AND

DEMAND FOR WITHDRAWAL AMERICAN TROOPS. DAKAR 2748 ALSO REPORTED THAT WHILE IN KOREA LAST MAY, SENGHOR PUBLICLY STATED THAT SENEGALESE SUPPORTED FIVE POINTS.

3. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, SYLLA SAID FORMIN ASSANE SECK AND HE HOPED THAT UN DEBATE ON ISSUE MIGHT BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR. THEY HOPED THAT THEY COULD CONVINCE SENGHOR TO ALLOW SENEGALESE DEL SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT BUT BELIEVE THAT IF NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION COMES TO VOTE, GOS, IN ACCORDANCE SENGHOR'S WISHES, WILL VOTE IN FAVOR. SYLLA SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR APPROACH PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO PRESENT US VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION.

4. IN SENGHOR'S ABSENCE AND AS PART OF PRE-UNGA REVIEW, AMBASSADOR PLANNING DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION FURTHER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, PARTICULARLY TO ASCERTAIN BEST WAY TO APPROACH PRESIDENT SENGHOR, BEFORE MAKING RECOMMENDATION TO DEPT ON COURSE OF ACTION WE MIGHT TAKE.

5. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAS ARRIVED IN DAKAR. WE BELIEVE ASSIGNMENT AMBASSADOR BY ROK WILL BE HELPFUL TO EFFORTS GAIN GREATER ATTENTION AND RESPECT FOR ROK VIEWS. ON BASIS HIS PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH SENEGALESE PROTOCOL OFFICIALS, HE EXPECTS TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS IN EARLY OCTOBER. WE HOPE THAT HE WILL BE ACCREDITED IN TIME TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN ATTEMPT GAIN SENEGALESE SUPPORT FOR DEFERRAL OF PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AT UN.
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